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With this issue, the INDIAN CHIEFTAIN closes the second year of its existence, and a glance over that period furnishes a basis for encouragement. That the paper is to be one of the permanent institutions of the Territory is now beyond doubt. Further than this, the publishers are disposed to believe there are many who will rejoice with them at what little success has been achieved. The paper has labored under many difficulties and is now by no means exempt, still the prospect is brightening. We are taught that the world is benefited by reason of the generous offices and existence of a good man. Assurances from many a source incline us to believe the world is no worse because of the advent and existence of the CHIEFTAIN. To give the news, treat all matters and men justly, and to strive for the success of the best interests of our people, is the legitimate aim of a newspaper, and to this declaration of principles the CHIEFTAIN declares its allegiance. That it is a newspaper in the broadest sense of the term, we are confident, and that as such it is appreciated, the editors are truly grateful. The chief compensation of the gentlemen who have from time to time been interested peculiarly in the paper, has undoubtedly consisted in the belief that some good was being accomplished. They have performed their tasks as best they could without complaint, and the present management has no disposition to do differently. While the paper may not attain the financial success to be reasonably expected, every day sees it on a more substantial basis and in a position to accomplish more good. The CHIEFTAIN was not established on the "bonus" plan, has never been "subsidized" and is independent of every faction or clique. It will maintain this position of independence so long as controlled by its present owners. It will endeavor to deserve all the support accorded, well knowing its friends will exact no more. The time of many subscribers expires with this number, and if they believe the CHIEFTAIN worthy of support they are respectfully invited to renew the same.

The Kansas State Fair at Topeka is being held this week. The owner of Jay-Eye-See insists that his horse is not for sale.

An Arizona paper advises its contemporaries to let the presidential election alone and to attend a little more to home affairs. It would be better for the readers if the papers in the states should act on this suggestion.

Agent Dyer, who has recently taken charge of affairs at Cheyenne Agency has been presented with a shield and a lizard by some of the chiefs. These articles will be very useful indeed to Col. Dyer and he will doubtless wear them with due pride.

The Tom Griffin killing has proved a great "snap" for the newspaper romancers, a Texas paper being the last contributor to this sort of literature. They will probably fall into line and "cat-crow" this week like their predecessors.

Everybody seems to "catch on" with alacrity. This Fort Smith New Era pleasantly refers to Dave Payne as a "course, illiterate, boisterous bummer." A man of Payne's appearance and make-up is hardly the person to settle the Indian country.

It is said the Indian commissioner has taken measures for the immediate relief of the starving Piegans at the Blackfoot Agency in Montana. To secure the money necessary for purchasing supplies the commissioner has been forced to have recourse to the provision of the law allowing him to apply to the relief of destitute Indians of one tribe any money that may remain unexpended of the sum appropriated for the maintenance of another tribe.

Prospects for our people maintaining their rights in the country now designated as Oklahoma are brightening. Col. Sam Wood, of Kansas, who has since the war been the exponent of every movement which has proved a failure, is now making "boomer" speeches. At a meeting held at Emporia some time ago, this great agitator harangued the people for an hour or more. The exercises closed by the reading of an alleged poetical effusion by a young Illinois miss. It was intended as an appeal to congress for opening the country, but if ever read to the members it would probably lead to the building of a Chinese wall around the entire Territory.

Capital News.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., SEPT. 8, 1884.

Oklahoma Payne, and his party, are still held at Fort Gibson by the U. S. soldiers, waiting to see which court will take jurisdiction, the court at Fort Smith, Ark., or the one in Kansas. We hope that Judge Parker will get hold of him, and believe the court at Fort Smith to be the proper tribunal to try him. He will be stuck on a whiskey case if nothing else, for he openly violated the intercourse law by introducing whisky into the Indian Territory in great quantities, as lots of witnesses stand ready to testify. Since writing the above, a squad of soldiers passed through Tahlequah last Friday with Payne and his accomplices, on their way to Fort Smith. We were informed by the lieutenant in charge, that orders from headquarters were to turn Payne over to the court at Fort Smith. So we guess Judge Parker will get to administer justice to him after all.

The numerous applicants for citizenship camped promiscuously about town, with few exceptions, are a hard looking and motley crew.

In my communication last week in reference to the political parties, the Bunch or Loyal, National and Downing, you seem to convey by types a wrong impression, different from what I meant. I intended to say the latter named, Downing party, seemed to have the lead "way yonder" in this section.

It is reported hereabouts that several of the Ross men of the Union party, among them Senator Bengue, have gone over to the National-Loyal party. Also, it is a fact, that quite a number of heretofore National men, among them Ex-Senator Spears, will act with the Downing faction hereafter.

Senator C. J. Harris and Judge Robert Hawks, of Canadian District are both very favorably spoken of for Supreme Judge, to fill the place now occupied by Judge Scales, whose term expires in November next.

Applicants for citizenship are numerous at this term of the commission. They are here by droves and regiments. Very few will be admitted however, but the petty foggies, get their little dust all the same for making out their petitions, and telling them they have good cases, etc., when in fact they have no case. Some of our lawyers are adepts at this business. It is entirely wrong, and it does the nation great injustice to take the cases of those who have no show or shadow of a claim, and docket them. This only gives them excuses to move in here until their cases are tried, and the country is full of just such cases and intruders now. It seems that just anyone can file a claim, and then set to work in the Nation and when the solicitor gets after him or her, they say, "My case is before the court," and the agent generally sustains them by advising that they be let alone until their cases are decided by the commission on citizenship. This is all wrong, and who's to blame? Why, those who bleed the claimants. Thus the bona fide citizens suffer, and the Nation is weakened, and intruders are increased to alarming proportions, by this double-dealing, with citizenship cases. Stop it, or you will ruin your country!

The male and female seminaries each have about 125 pupils now, for this term.

Quite a number of prominent men and lawyers from different parts of the country have been about Tahlequah this week. Some bringing their children to school and the lawyers attending the citizenship court.

The Indian University, at this place commenced last Monday, the 8th inst., with a goodly attendance. Quite a number from different parts of the Indian Territory are present. It will be conducted by the same corps of professors as heretofore, Prof. Bacon, principal and president, Professor and Mrs. Allen and Miss Ellette assistant teachers. Mrs. Shannon is teacher of music, and an excellent one too. The Indian University and its teachers are too well known to need any further commendation at our hand.

The Presbyterian Mission School commenced at this place last Monday the 8th, Miss Annie Miller, principal. This school promises to be of immense benefit to the Cherokee people.

The Tahlequah public school is looming in numbers and popularity. Prof. Sinclair, the able principal is quite popular and our people like him. He has no superior in the Cherokee Nation as an educator.

The concert last Monday night gotten up by the W. C. T. U., of Tahlequah was a success. The recitations and singing were both excellent.

At least one hundred and fifty applicants representing at least 500 or 600 people, for citizenship are here this week.

Mr. Rasmus has retired from the firm of Rasmus & French, and now it is Smith & French, and a good firm too, for the Capt. is a No. 1 business man.

Watch out for quite a bill for lawyers fees to be presented to the next council. O, they are coming in for a pile too. We can sniff them from afar off. Let's have an attorney general next council, by all means, chosen by council, to attend the Nation's business.

Col. Ross, R. W. Walker, A. E. Ivey, Lemuel Sanders, Esq., Jno. T. Drew, Judge Scales, R. B. Harris, T. E. Beavert, Hon. Sam Smith, R. M. Wolfe, E. C. Bondi-not Jr., and several other lawyers are here and have been in Tahlequah lately.

Charley Starr says he believes Isbell's court at Vinita beats his at this place. At least it sounds that way by reading the papers.

Jesse Cochran's actions in enforcing the stock law in Cooweescoowee District, is heartily endorsed by the people in this section.

Dr. Adair is happy—it is a bounding big boy. Mother and child doing well.

A Few Words From Catoosa.

EDITORS CHIEFTAIN:—Everybody is looking well and making grand preparations for the Vinita fair.

No school last week owing to lack of books.

Our merchants are having a little rest now; all owing to the dull times and scarcity of money.

Little Jim, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Rice, has been very sick but is now improving.

If you want to purchase any of the products of the west, come to Catoosa. Sweet potatoes fifty cents a dozen; peaches two for a nickel.

LAST ROSE OF SUMMER.

The yardmaster of the Frisco at Pierce City says that he handled upwards of six thousand head of cattle during the month of August. This company has of late been doing a big business in stock shipments.

The Oswego Independent had the following account of the elopement of Dr. W. C. Patton and Miss Hettie D. Langdon who were married at the hotel in this city on the 31st inst.: "The usual routine of the business and social circles of Iron Mountain, Mo., was startled one day last week when it was announced that a beautiful and charming young lady aged 'sweet sixteen,' had eloped with a young doctor. The parents of the girl objected to the union on account of her extreme youth and the poor health of the young man. The young lady procured her father's carriage for the purpose of taking a ride. In the meantime she had placed her clothing in the carriage and started off, taking her lover up by the wayside. The girl's father soon suspected all was not right and started in pursuit, but the couple had reached the depot, and fled to the wilds of the Indian Territory where they were married."

THE VINITA FAIR.

Third Annual Meeting to be held

OCTOBER 22 to 24.

—If you will—

NOTICE SPEED RING PREMIUMS,

Open to the World, you will observe they are positively the most Liberal ever offered in the Indian Territory.

FIRST DAY.

One-half mile dash, Two-year olds.....\$ 25 00
Second premium.....10 00
Pacing, mile heats, 2 in 3.....25 00
One-half mile dash, Three-year olds.....50 00
Second premium.....10 00

SECOND DAY.

Trotting race, mile heats, 2 in 3.....\$ 50 00
Second premium.....10 00
Laidy equestrian, not less than 5 entries.....15 00
One-half mile, repeat, 2 in 3.....80 00
Second premium.....20 00
One mile dash, free to all.....75 00
Second premium.....15 00

THIRD DAY.

Mule race, one-half mile dash.....\$ 15 00
One-half mile, saddle horses.....20 00
Second premium.....5 00
Girl rider under 12 years of age, not less than five entries.....5 00
Mile and repeat, 2 in 3.....100 00
Second premium.....25 00
Running novelty, 1st 1 mile, \$15; 1 mile, \$20; 1 mile, \$25; mile, 40 00

The management has assurances from many horsemen of the southwest that they will be present with their stock and a meeting of much more than ordinary interest is assured.

R. W. LINDSEY, Pres't.

A. P. GOODYKOONTZ, Sec.

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SENECA, MO.,

BOOT AND SHOE MAKER.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's Fine Shoes and Boots a Specialty

ALL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

ARMSTRONG'S MILL,

Four Miles from Prairie City, on Grand River.

GEO. ARMSTRONG, - Proprietor.

All Kinds of Hard Lumber Always on Hand

and for Sale.

D. W. LIFE

—DEALER IN—

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

Oowala, Ind. Ter.

Will sell goods for Cash, as cheap

as any house in the Territory.

Call and Examine my Stock.

CHAR. HUBER, President.

PAUL WACH, Sec'y and Treasurer.

PROPRIETORS OF THE

SENECA ROLLER MILLS,

SENECA, NEWTON CO., MO.

Highest Cash Price Paid for All Grades of Wheat.

Orders for FLOUR, BRAN and SHIPSTUFFS Promptly Attended to.

F. BOCLER, Superintendent and Business Manager, SENECA, MO.

GRAYSVILLE,

The Business Center.

—I HAVE AN—

Extra Stock of General Merchandise

ON GRAND RIVER, FOUR MILES EAST OF CHOUTEAU.

The Stock of Dry Goods, Clothing, Notions,

Hats, Groceries, Queensware, Tinware,

Cutlery, Saddlery, Boots and Shoes,

Always Complete and Sold at Lowest Prices.

GRAY FLOURING & SAW MILL.

I have purchased this mill and am prepared to do a General Milling Business.

G. H. LEWIS.

P. O. Chouteau, Ind. Ter.

C. W. GREEN IN THE FRONT RANK.

As the time approaches for moving into our splendid new building, the necessity for reducing our stock becomes more apparent. We intend to save most of the expense of transfer, for our customers.

The "Old Reliable,"

Has always been recognized as

Headquarters for Bargains,

And will now do better than ever. The stock comprises everything sold in a

Large General Store

Among the chief bargains we quote the following:

HATS, Fur, former price 75 cents to \$2.50; now offered at 50c, 75c, and \$1.00. We have a few straw hats left which can be carried off at any price.

SHOES, formerly sold at \$1.25 to \$2.50; now offered at 40 cents to \$1.45. A fine line of Misses Slippers now offered at 50 cents per pair; have always sold at 75c to \$1.50.

CLOTHING, Light Weight, at your own price. Rather than carry this stock we will sell it at one-half regular price.

VESTS, one lot of about 40 at 50c each. Formerly sold readily at \$1.00 to \$1.50.

The above are but a few of the many bargains offered and only given as an example. During this

Great Slaughter Sale,

Which will positively continue only about six weeks we shall take pleasure in making special prices on many different articles. Come in and secure a bargain while the opportunity lasts.

G. W. GREEN, Vinita.

WM. LITTLE & CO.,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

FLOUR, FEED AND PROVISIONS

Also carry a complete line of

Dry Goods, Groceries, Clothing, Boots and Shoes,

Hats and Caps, Queensware, Tinware, Notions, Etc.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR COUNTRY PRODUCE

Ranch Supplies for Stockmen Always in Stock:

Don't fail to see our stock and learn our prices before buying.

WM. LITTLE & CO., Vinita, Indian Ter.

JOHN & GEORGE BULLETTE,

FULL AND COMPLETE STOCK OF

GENERAL MERCHANDISE

WHICH WILL BE SOLD AT BED-ROCK PRICES.

CASH PAID FOR HIDES, FURS and PRODUCE. Cash or Cattle taken in Exchange for Goods.

SEE OUR STOCK. TULSA, I. T.

THOMPSON & CO.,

GROCERS,

VINITA, I. T.

Keep constantly on hand the Choicest Staple and Fancy Groceries in the Market. Also

Fruit, Vegetables, Feed, Queensware, Glassware and Tinware.

Examine our stock in the New Building on the Corner, two doors West of A. C. Raymond & Co's Hardware Store.

G. W. GREEN,

Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Crop off left ear and split in right.

Range—On J ones creek, eight miles northeast of Vinita, I. T. 29

MRS. J. B. CURT.

Postoffice, Coffeyville, Kans.

J C on left hip or side, and saddle stirrup on right side or hip.

Range on Curl creek. 41

W. C. PATTON & CO.,

Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Smooth crop in the left ear.

Horses branded the same on the left hip.

Range—Rock creek

WM. DONALDSON,

Postoffice, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

Some cattle br'd'd on left side.

Range—On Little Cabin Creek, nine miles northeast of Vinita

T. F. THOMPSON,

P. O. Vinita, I. T.

Range on Big Cabin Creek, 3 miles south of Vinita.

W. T. BEATTY,

Postoffice, Vinita, I. T.

Brand on either side or hip.

Range north from Vinita. 384

V. GRAY,

Postoffice, Chouteau, I. T.

Some cattle br'd'd V G on left side.

Ear mark—Over-slope in each ear.

Range on Pryor's creek, I. T. 381y

JESSE COCHRAN,

Postoffice, Chelsea, I. T.

Smooth crop off of left ear.

Range—four miles west of Chelsea.

DAVID BLUEJACKET,

Postoffice, Chetopa, Kans.

E C on right side.

Also C on right side

Range on headwaters of Little Cabin creek.

F. M. CROWELL,

Postoffice, Vinita, Indian Territory.

Some branded on left hip.

Horse brand C 8 on left shoulder.

Range on Shawnee creek, 9 miles n. e. of Vinita. 47y

C. M. McCLellan,

Postoffice, Oowala, I. T.

A few cows are branded on left side thus: S O

A few cattle branded on the left shoulder thus: V

Cattle mostly double branded.

Horse brand, on left side.

Range on Caney.

W. E. HALSELL,

Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Some cattle branded on hip.

Range—Big Cabin creek. 301f

R. M. WILLIAMS,

Post-office, Prairie City, I. T.

Crop off left ear, underbit right.

Q W on right horn, X on left horn.

Range, Co a l creek.

EVANS, HUNTER & NEWMAN,

Post-Office, Evansville, Kansas.

Half-breed cattle all branded on left side and hip. Some ear marked and some on the lat- ter is call- ed the jingie- bob mark. Texas steers road-branded X on near side. Various ear- marks. Range—Comanche county pool.

M. W. COUGH,

Post-Office, Lightning Creek, I. T.

Crop off right ear, and swallow-fork in left. 301f

Mrs. Isabella Newman,

Post-office, Skiatook, I. T.

Ranch on Rock Creek, 13 miles south of Vinita.

A. MILLS,

Post-office, Chetopa, Kans.

Smooth crop and underhack in each ear

Range on Grand river between Cabin & Duck creeks.

W. T. DAVIS,

P. O., Vinita, I. T.

R. D. TAYLOR,

Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Branded on both sides.

Crop of left ear and split in right.

Range—On J ones creek, eight miles northeast of Vinita, I. T. 29

JOHN COUNTRYMAN,

Post-office, Echo, I. T.

Brand seven-up, either side

Mark, crop off right ear, under sloped left ear.

Range, H-ro creek, C. N. .

Cherokee Orphan Asylum,

Mark, smooth crop, left ear and underbit in right.

H. B. Henry—P. O. Vinita, I. T.

Also left

Brand—On Little Cabin Creek, nine miles northeast of Vinita

JANE CAPTAIN,

Skiatook Post-office, C. N.

Horse brand same on left shoulder.

Range on Hound Creek, 20 miles west of Vinita.

at the head of Pryor's and Lightning creeks.

NATHANIEL SKINNER,

Post-office, Vinita, I. T.

Under-slope in each ear.

Range—Try o n creek, 20 m. south of Vinita near M. K. & T.

W. H. Marker,

Postoffice, Vinita, I. T.

Crop